Indian Scientists	Russian Scientists
	vi. Acad. F.A. Kuznetsov
	vii. Acad. Y. Gulayev
	viii. Acad. Grigoriev
	ix. Acade, K.V. Frolov
	x. Dr. V.V. Shapovalenko

Prohibition to take assignment in foreign countries during leave

1731. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government have decided to prohibit officers working abroad to take up any assignment during leave in foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of officers who took foreign assignments during leave during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) As per the existing policy, only short-term consultancies of less than three months duration can be undertaken by the officers by taking due and admissible leave. However, recently the Government has prohibited the officers of and above the level of Joint Secretary to the Government of India, of all services, either working at the Centre or with the State Governments from undertaking any consultancy assignments.

Long-term assignments exceeding 90 days can be undertaken with prior approval of the Government on foreign service terms, *i.e.* on payment of pension and leave salary contribution. During the last two years, no officer has been permitted to take up any long-term assignment by taking leave.

Discrimination against PCS officers for inclusion into IAS cadre

1732. SHRI P K. MAHESHWARI:
SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether after induction into IAS, Government discriminates against PCS direct recruits of Punjab and Haryana Civil Service by not